

Merry Christmas friends and family

The premature loss of my brother last year has made my remaining family & friends even more special to me. 2009 started out as the year for weddings and ended as the year for purchasing homes.

My nephew Alvin, my niece Ashley, and Aunt Jane's daughter Julie were all married before the end of May. I am happy to say Bob and I got to attend all their weddings. This gave us visits to Virginia, New York, and Colorado.



My son-in-law Dave traded in his job at Bank of America for one in a company in Atlanta called Fiserv. He and Kristina have purchased a home in Cumming, GA (30 minutes from us). It has been hard for them to leave their life in Charlotte. We are all happy to have them back. Dave loves his new job. Kristina and Dave will be living with us until after Christmas when they move into their new house so the holiday should be lots of fun this year.

Megan and Brian decided to take advantage of the real estate market, sold their home and purchased a new home in our neighborhood. 6 year old Dean loves that he lives in Nana and Bob's neighborhood-wait till he's 16. Yes all the grandkids call him Bob. Meg still teaches English & Brian holds steady at 5 Subways.

Josh and Liz have their home up for sale. It is a beautiful house but lacks a yard and with 17 month old Elle becoming more active they are starting to feel the need for one. Liz does P/T legal along with some child photography. Josh continues to keep busy with his 20 Subways.

Newly-weds Ashley & Chris and Alvin & Allison got really lucky in today's housing market and purchased wonderful homes. Katie, Paul's daughter is now teaching in Atlanta and dating Chris' brother Michael. We all love having her here. Michael also purchased a new home.



Bob and I are very busy with our 5 grandkids nearby. My dream come true. I can truly say Ally 7, Andrew 5, Dean 6, Keira 18 months and Elle 17 months are the joy of my life. I still pay the bills for Josh, babysit whenever I can, play bridge, exercise, book club and whatever women my age do to keep busy.

When not golfing Bob spends his time investing which is not easy in this economy and generally acting as advisor to our family Subway business. Josh has 20 stores and Brian 5.



Bob and I are putting an addition on our home in Florida-mostly bedrooms to accommodate our growing family, Everyone seems to want to visit at the same time. My sister Janie and her husband Paul recently purchased a home in Amelia Island also. It will be wonderful to have them so close.

My mom is still in a nursing facility in Goshen & holding her own.
My Dad visits every day and loves having her close.



We will be visiting NYC Dec. 17-19 and Goshen Dec. 20-22.
Hope to see some of you during that time.
Love to all and have a great holiday!
Elaine & Bob

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